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In re application of:

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DURING THE FORMATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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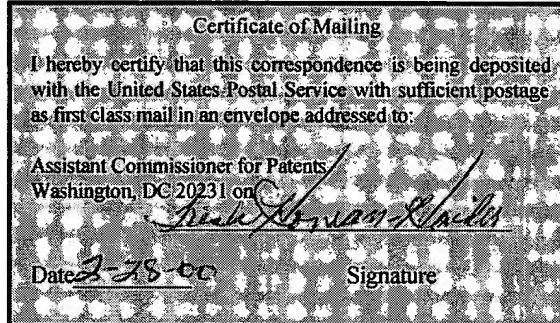
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Please address further correspondence with this application to: Charles B. Brantley, II, Micron Technology, Inc., Mail Stop 525, 8000 S. Federal Way, Boise, ID 83716-9632, telephone number (208) 368-4557.

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Filing Date Granted

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

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1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

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An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

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5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

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